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**2012 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release 26  
Kuskokwim River Subdistrict 1-A to open for Commercial Salmon Fishing**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for subsistence and commercial salmon fishermen in the Kuskokwim Management Area.

**Subdistrict 1-A**

**Subdistrict 1-A within District 1 will open to commercial salmon fishing for 6 hours from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, 2012.**

Processing capacity for this commercial fishing period is limited. Fishermen are reminded to register with Kuskokwim Seafoods (543-5700) prior to fishing.

The hours for subsistence closures adjacent to periods of commercial fishing on the Kuskokwim River are 6 hours before, during, and 3 hours after commercial fishing. Therefore, from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, subsistence salmon fishing in the Kuskokwim River will be closed from Bogus Creek downstream to a line between Oscarville and Napaskiak.

Preliminary harvest information from the August 14 commercial period in Subdistrict 1-A was 7,568 coho; 80 chum; and 5 sockeye salmon from 80 permit holders. The coho salmon harvest was below average and catch rate was above average for that date.

**Subdistrict 1-B**

Preliminary harvest information from the August 16 commercial period in Subdistrict 1-B was 7,996 coho; 28 chum; and 7 sockeye salmon from 109 permit holders. The coho salmon harvest was below average and catch rate was above average for that date.

No commercial opening announcement at this time, but fisherman should stand by on Monday for further announcements.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel ADF&G office, on the state web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

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